

Consumption of fire-wood by the Tramway.

68. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether the Tramway Engineer has issued orders recently that the consumption of $2\frac{3}{4}$ tons of fire-wood will be sufficient for every engine each day in the 3rd section of the Tramway ;

(2) how many engines are working in that section; and

(3) how long was the rate of 3 tons per day in force;

(4) will a copy of the new order reducing the consumption be placed on the Table ?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—(1) No.

(2) Two.

(3) From 1st July 1926 to 5th December 1926.

(4) Vide reply to (1).

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—With reference to the answer to sub-division (3), was there any reduction after 5th December 1926?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—No reduction.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What is the rate now in force?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—Three tons.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—My question is 'how long was the rate of 3 tons per day in force,' and the answer given is 'from 1st July 1926 to 5th December 1926'. But then there may be some difference after that. I want to know whether there is any difference.

President.—What is the rate after 5th December 1926?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—The Tramway Engineer has ordered that $2\frac{3}{4}$ tons will be sufficient for each day.

President.—Three tons was in force from 1st July to 5th December 1926. What is the rate in force after this?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—I want notice.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Does the Government deny that the present rate is $2\frac{3}{4}$ tons?

President.—It is answered 'No'.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What is the present rate?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—I want notice.

Use of timber and tiles by the Tramway Engineer.

69. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—(a) Will the Government be pleased to enquire and state what was the amount of charges for the transport of (1) tiles and (2) timber paid by the Tramway Engineer for carrying tiles and timber for his personal use in connection with the construction of a bungalow in his estate up the Tram lines; how many tiles were transported